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A total of twenty-four claims, three of which are independent, are presented following amendment herein. Because filing fees for twenty-four claims and multiple dependent claims have been paid, no additional claim filing fees are owed as a result of this Preliminary Amendment.

In the Specification:

Please substitute the following two paragraphs for the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 31 and ending on page 3, line 3:

According to the invention, there is provided apparatus for dispensing a medicament, wherein at least a portion of one or more of the internal surfaces of components of the apparatus which come into contact with medicament during storage or dispensing has a layer of one or more cold plasma polymerised monomers bonded to at least a portion thereof.

In embodiments of the invention, the apparatus does not include a pressurised container of the medicament; the layer is not of a cold plasma polymerised fluorinated hydrocarbon; and both the apparatus does not include a

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